Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Grace June Shultz was born June 1, 1907, to Tom and Laura (Rakow) Shultz at Page, Nebraska, the youngest of five children; and,

Whereas, At the age of three, Grace traveled with her parents by covered wagon to Rushville, Nebraska, moved to various other locations in Nebraska and Montana and settled in Bennett County near Martin, South Dakota, in 1919; and,

Whereas, Grace was a teacher in Martin and rural schools for 17 years, served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Bennett County for 3 years and as Superintendent from 1965-1971; and,

Whereas, In 1924, Grace married John Stover and to that union three children were born, but lost to an epidemic at young ages, followed by John's death in 1947; and,

Whereas, In 1949, Grace married Earl Hays and they lived at the Patricia Store where Earl worked as a TV repairman and Grace was the last postmaster until such time as the store building was moved to Martin. They resided there until Earl's death in 1968; and,

Whereas, Grace and Clarence Hammer shared married life from 1979 until Clarence passed away in 1986; and,

Whereas, Grace and a friend, Emma Jacobs, were instrumental in founding the Bennett County Senior Center that provides in-home meal delivery, has been a faithful member of the Episcopal Church, a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, 8 et 40, the WWI Auxiliary, Retired Teachers of South Dakota and enjoyed quilting and crocheting; and,

Whereas, Grace now resides at Kelly Retirement Home in Pierre, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2007, as

GRACE HAMMER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State